

BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT WILLIAM R. KENNEDY

Chief Master Sergeant William R. Kennedy is Command Chief Master Sergeant, 9th Reconnaissance Wing, Beale AFB, CA. He serves as the senior enlisted representative to the commander and 4,000 active duty members of the wing and 3 geographically separated units throughout Korea, Cypress and Saudi Arabia. He is responsible for the health, welfare, quality of life and professional development of the enlisted force.

Chief Kennedy was born in Lompoc, Calif., and enlisted in June 1978. He has served in a number of challenging positions throughout four career fields and deployed extensively during his assignments with seven major air commands.



EDUCATION:

- 1982 NCO Preparatory Course, Barksdale Air Force Base, LA.
- 1984 NCO Leadership School, Barksdale Air Force Base, LA.
- 1984 Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts, Louisiana Tech University, LA.
- 1990 NCO Academy, Kapaun Air Base, Germany
- 1991 Associate of Science in Electronic Systems Technology, Community College of the Air Force
- 1993 Acquisition Professional Development Program Level I Certification
- 1995 Bachelors of Science in Business and Management, University of Maryland
- 1996 U.S. Air Force Senior NCO Academy, Gunter Air Force Base, AL.
- 1999 Associate of Science in Social Work, Community College of the Air Force
- 1999 Associate of Science in Social Science, Community College of the Air Force

ASSIGNMENTS:

- 1. July 1978 September 1978, basic training, Lackland Air Force Base, TX.
- 2. September 1978 October 1978, student, security police technical training, Lackland Air Force Base /Camp Bullis, TX.
- 3. October 1978 February 1982, flight security controller, 90th Missile Security Squadron, F.E. Warren Air Force Base, WY.
- 4. March 1982 June 1982, student, electronic computer and switching systems technical training, Keesler Air Force Base, MS.
- 5. July 1982 January 1984, shift supervisor, 2146th Communications Squadron, Barksdale Air Force Base, LA.
- 6. January 1984 June 1985, student, National Security Agency, Fort Meade, MD.

- 7. June 1985 January 1989, quality control inspector, 6920th Electronic Security Squadron, Misawa Air Base, Japan.
- 8. January 1989 March 1991, NCO in charge, data maintenance, 6914th Electronic Security Squadron, Sembach Air Base, Germany.
- 9. March 1991 June 1992, tactical systems manager, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces Communications Division, Hickam Air Force Base, HI.
- 10. July 1992 June 1994, superintendent, test and engineering division, Detachment 5, Peace Shield Site Activation Task Force, Air Force Material Command, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
- 11. June 1994 August 1995, superintendent, network control center, 100th Communications Squadron, Royal Air Force Mildenhall, United Kingdom.
- 12. August 1995 June 1998, superintendent, base systems branch, Headquarters U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Communications and Information Directorate, Ramstein Air Base, Germany. Includes 120 days temporary duty as communications flight chief, Combined Air Operations Center (NATO), Vicenza, Italy. 13. June 1998 March 2000, deputy director, family support center, 423rd Air Base Squadron, Royal Air Force Molesworth, United Kingdom. Includes 116 days temporary duty as communications flight chief, 401st Expeditionary Air Base Group, Tuzla Air Base, Bosnia-Herzegovina.
- 14. April 2000 May 2001, superintendent, 1st Combat Communications Squadron, Ramstein Air Base, Germany.
- 15. June 2001 July 2003, command chief master sergeant, 39th Wing and 39th Air and Space Expeditionary Wing, Incirlik Air Base, Turkey.
- 16. July 2003 present, command chief master sergeant, 9th Reconnaissance Wing, Beale AFB, CA.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Joint Service Commendation Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Combat Readiness Medal
Air Force Good Conduct Medal with six oak leaf clusters
National Defense Service Medal
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
Kosovo Campaign Medal
Southwest Asia Service Medal with Bronze Star
Armed Forces Services Medal with Bronze Star
Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal
NATO Service Medal with Bronze Star
Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia)

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Senior Airman Jun. 1, 1981
Sergeant Jun. 1, 1982
Staff Sergeant Sept. 1, 1984
Technical Sergeant Feb. 1, 1988
Master Sergeant Mar. 1, 1992
Senior Master Sergeant Mar. 1, 1996
Chief Master Sergeant Jul. 1, 2000

(Current as of Aug 2003)